

AGENDA

Nuts & Bolts of Brownfield Redevelopment for Local Governments

Room 2205, 77 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL

REMEDICATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR

June 2, 2004

SCR CONSULTANT DAY TOMORROW!

Don't forget that South Central Region's RR Program is hosting a Consultant Day June 3 at the Lussier Family Heritage Center. The agenda and a map are on the RR Program's internet calendar at http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/general/calendar/scr_consultant_days_2004.pdf. If you are not already registered, you may register at the door. Guest speakers will include Rita Kidd, mayor of Richland Center, discussing multiple brownfield grants the city is using to accomplish for redevelopment. The agenda also includes several case closure topics and an update on the Dry Cleaner Environmental Response Fund. The fee for the day is \$10, including lunch. If you have questions, please contact Eric Michaels at 608-275-3336, or at Eric.Michaels@dnr.state.wi.us.

EPA REPEATS NUTS & BOLTS TRAINING FOR BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT

During the week of July 19, 2004, EPA, HUD, and the University of Illinois at Chicago will present their sixth 1-week class on skills for local governments to identify, clean up, and redevelop brownfields. The course includes presentations by local governments and others experienced in redevelopment, hands-on case studies including site visits, and lessons learned under the new federal brownfields law. This intensive course has received very strong reviews from past participants. Topics planned for this year include: barriers to brownfield redevelopment, site identification strategies, economics of brownfield redevelopment, environmental site assessments, underground storage tanks, risk assessment, site investigation, community development & urban planning, sustainable development, environmental insurance, historic preservation, working with environmental consultants, citizen participation, finding money, and how to solve deal stoppers. Although a week of staff training may be difficult for local governments to schedule, the time commitment can yield a high level of redevelopment expertise. The fee for the full course is \$350.00; attendees from EPA's Region V may be eligible for scholarships. Three continuing education credits are available through the University of Illinois. More information and the on-line registration form are available at: <http://128.248.232.70/glakes/ce/courseDetail.asp?GID=210>.

EPA PRESENTS SUSTAINABLE REDEVELOPMENT TRAINING

Another training opportunity for local governments from EPA is the July 26 & 27 "Public Sector Approaches to Promoting Sustainable Development", to be held at EPA Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard in Chicago. Topics will include: modeling to support sustainable development, promoting biodiversity and green space, sustainable reuse of formerly contaminated sites, leading by example, sustainable planning, conservation development, green buildings and historic preservation. Registration is \$50 before June 30th and \$75 after the 30th. For more information, please see <http://128.248.232.70/glakes/ce/courseDetail.asp?GID=220>, or call 312-996-6904. Space is limited, register early.

REMINDER – REPORT ALL GROUNDWATER EXCEEDENCES

Consultants and others are reminded that Chapter NR 140, Groundwater Quality, requires reporting of each exceedence of a groundwater Preventive Action Level (PAL) and Enforcement Standard (ES). This can be accomplished by using the format suggested in RR-628, "Contents of Site Investigation Reports for Petroleum Contaminated Sites", <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR628.pdf>. RR-628 recommends putting ES exceedences in bold font and PAL exceedences in italics in data reporting tables. If an exceedence seems related to a problem in obtaining a groundwater sample, e.g. sampling from a temporary well, you must still report the exceedence and explain your concerns about the data quality in the text - there are no exceptions to notification of exceedences. DNR project managers will make a determination regarding the importance of the exceedence based on the notification and the accompanying comments regarding the data.

REMINDER - BEDI BROWNFIELD GRANT DEADLINE & WEB CAST

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The deadline for U.S. HUD Brownfield Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants is July 15. HUD has scheduled an informational web cast for June 10. HUD has \$25.3 million in BEDI funds that can be used for brownfield redevelopment in economic development projects to increase employment opportunities for low-and moderate-income populations. HUD emphasizes the use of BEDI and Section 108 Loan Guarantee funds for projects that will provide near-term results and does not encourage applications limited to site acquisition and/or remediation without redevelopment plans. BEDI funds are used to enhance the security or to improve the viability of a project financed with a new Section 108 guaranteed loan commitment. BEDI and Section 108 funds must be used in conjunction at the same economic development project. Section 108 is the loan guarantee provision of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. For more information about the grants and the web cast, please see <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa04/grpecond.cfm>

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